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Senate Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_

House Bill No.HJR0032  
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Ginger  
Lesseman and the excellent 1994 Portland High  
School girls' volleyball team.

WHEREAS, the tough sport of volleyball was invented in 1895 by William G. Morgan, the physical director of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and quickly gained appeal among both sexes in schools, playgrounds, industrial leagues, the armed forces, and other organizations in the United States and in other countries; and

WHEREAS, in only their sixth year of existence, the 1994 Portland High School girl's volleyball team has followed in the fine tradition of the best teams in the sport, practicing hard, enduring physical pain, overcoming setbacks and compiling an exemplary championship record; and

WHEREAS, Portland won the coveted regular season District 10-AAA championship, with an unblemished 12-0 record, despite strong competition; and

WHEREAS, the Panthers then won the District 10-AAA title, finished runner-up, in Region 5-AAA and gained a substate berth; and

WHEREAS, this memorable squad compiled an enviable 25-7 record, a fine winning percentage of .780; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ginger Lesseman has done a superb job of molding the natural talent of the team into championship caliber and is richly deserving of the considerable praise she has received from everyone who has been privileged enough to watch this outstanding team play; and

WHEREAS, this extremely talented team was lead by the dynamic sister act of seniors Jennifer Denning, who was honored by selection to the All-Midstate Coaches Poll, the All-Region team, was District Regular Season and District Tournament Most Valuable Player and was chosen the Tennessee Athletic Coaches District Player of the Year; and Jessica Denning, who was a member of the All-District Regular Season and All-District Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the other players who were specially recognized included: seniors Angie Handshoe Spivey, chosen All-Region Tournament and Regular Season All-District; and Tara Carney, who received Regular Season All-District and All-District Tournament recognition, with senior Amy Gentry also being an important part of the team effort; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to honor this notable volleyball team on their numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Ginger Lesseman and the 1994 Portland High School girl's volleyball team on their successful season and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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